Page 5, line 9, delete "a" before "equal" and insert --an--.

Page 12, line 2, delete "bags" and insert --tags--.

Page 12, line 4, delete "bags" and insert --tags--.

Page 12, line 6, delete "bags" and insert --tags--.

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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An electronic identification tag interrogation system comprising:

(a) at least one portal having transmitter means for providing an RF signal and receiver means for responding to an RF tag signal having identifying data encoded therein;

(b) at least one electronic identification tag having supply means for providing electrical power to said tag, memory means for storing identifying data associated with said tag, RF receiver means powered by said supply means for processing an RF signal, and RF transmitter means for transmitting identifying data stored in said memory means in response to the receipt by said RF receiver means of an RF signal having a request encoded therein, said at least one electronic identification tag provided with a discrete identification number; [and]

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